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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

23 April 1982

THROUGH : Chairman, National Intelligence Council

FROM : Senior Review Panel

SUBJECT : Report on Intelligence Performance on

Soviet Oil Production

1. Submitted herewith is the Panel's subject report, responding to an initial request by the Deputy Director, National Foreign Assessment, as subsequently broadened by the Deputy Director of Central Intelligence.

- 2. In this report we have sought to highlight lessons from the procedures and processes of the Community and its component agencies in their work on Soviet oil production in recent years, and to derive from those lessons a number of issues for the attention of the senior managers of the Community. We believe that resolution of those issues—some of which have implications considerably wider than the Soviet oil problem itself—might significantly improve future intelligence performance. Accordingly, we recommend that the report be given broad distribution. Our suggested distribution list is attached.
- 3. We wish to record our appreciation for the candor and cooperation uniformly extended to us throughout this study on the part of the agencies concerned.

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This memorandum results from our conversation with you this morning, 28 January 1982. It is intended to obtain the cooperation of DIA in extending the Senior Review Panel's study of the CIA's performance with respect to Soviet oil production to include that of DIA.

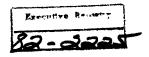
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The Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

Washington, D. C. 20505

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28 JAN 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Defense Intelligence Agency

SUBJECT

Senior Review Panel Study of Intelligence Performance on Soviet Oil

Production

- 1. By memorandum of 12 November 1981, the Director, National Foreign Assessment Center, noted his request to the Senior Review Panel to assess NFAC's performance on the Soviet energy/oil issue. Priority attention was to be given within this framework to the specific topic of Soviet oil production prospects.
- 2. This project is now being broadened to include an assessment of the performance of other components of the Intelligence Community, notably the Defense Intelligence Agency, and of the Community as a whole. The purpose is to assist in the improvement of intelligence collection and analysis with respect to oil production within the framework of the Soviet energy balance and to analogous topics presenting complex problems of data availability and methodology.
- 3. I would appreciate your full cooperation with the Panel in the conduct of the project. Will you please provide the name of an individual who will serve as point of contact to

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/s/ B. R. Inman

B. R. INMAN Admiral, U.S. Navy

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